

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Cancel the present Abstract of the Disclosure and substitute therefor the enclosed Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached to the substitute specification.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled and new claims 12-22 have been added. The amendments to the claims have been made only to improve the form of the claims for examination purposes.

The specification and abstract have been amended to conform it to U.S. format.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Substitute Specification  
Abstract of the Disclosure  
Marked-up Specification  
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